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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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YOSHIKI SUZUKI, ET AL.	)	
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Appln. No.: 10/606,237	)	
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Filed: June 26, 2003	)	
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For: LIQUID TRANSFER DEVICE,	)	
LIQUID TRANSFER METHOD AND	:	
LIQUID REMAINING AMOUNT	)	
MONITORING METHOD OF LIQUID	:	
TRANSFER DEVICE	)	October 29, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

JP '180 is discussed at page 3 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

JP '134 and JP '847 are discussed at page 26 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein. US '497 and US '009 correspond to JP '134 and JP '847, respectively.

US '271, JP '605 and US '870 are discussed at page 27 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein. US '960 corresponds to JP '605. JP '605 and JP '830 are related.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

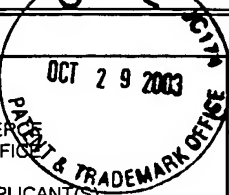
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
*EXAMINER'S INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
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